(b) The number of persons in the waiting list for telephone connections in Andhra Pradesh as on 30th June 1987 is 64,220.

Free rail passes to freedom fighters

1161. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of free railway passes issued up to June 30, 1987 to freedom fighters, Statewise;

(b) whether any incident has come to the notice of Government regarding misusing of such free railway passes; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Statistics is not maintained Statewise. Approximately 26097 Complimentary Card Passes have been issued to the freedom fighters upto 30th June, 1987 all over the country.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Maintenance of National Highways

1162. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether State Governments have been given the responsibility of maintaining and improving the National Highways within their respective terrorists; and

(b) if so, what is the quantum of funds allocated to the States of Kerala and Orissa during 1986 for this purpose and the extent of work done as on 31st December, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The funds allocated for the improvement and maintenance of National Highways to the States of Kerala and Orissa during the year 1986-87 were as follows:—

	Improvement	Maintenance
1. Kerala	935·20 lakhs	234·43 lakhs
2. Orissa	983·60 lakhs	529·08 lakhs

Against this, the expenditure incurred upto 31-12-1986 was:—

	Improvement	Maintenance
1. Kerala	349·25 lakhs	194·69 lakhs
2. Orissa	537·55 lakhs	288·46 lakhs